

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2022-007

January 6, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Extension of COVID-19 Public Emergency

**ORIGINATING AGENCY:** Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 422 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, Pub. L. 93-198, 87 Stat. 790, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22 (2016 Repl.); section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-149, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304 (2018 Repl.); section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002, D.C. Law 14-194, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01 (2018 Repl.); and section 1 of An Act To Authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make regulations to prevent and control the spread of communicable and preventable diseases, approved August 11, 1939, 53 Stat. 1408, D.C. Official Code §§ 7-131 *et seq.* (2018 Repl.); and in accordance with the Public Emergency Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective January 6, 2022, D.C. Act 24-276, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

### **I. BACKGROUND**

1. The findings of prior Mayor's Orders relating to the COVID-19 public emergencies are hereby incorporated into this Order.
2. More than 21 months after the World Health Organization declared a pandemic and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Mayor of the District of Columbia declared a public health emergency for the 2019 novel coronavirus, more than 57.1 million Americans have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and more than 827,000 have died from the disease. Locally, transmission stands at a seven-day average of 288.0 new daily cases per 100,000 persons; total infections in the District have risen to 106,819; and tragically, 1,222 District residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19.
3. Given the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, the vast rise in new cases, and the recovery efforts associated with the impacts of COVID-19, including efforts related to economic recovery, and maintaining in-person education and public safety, the District must remain in a public emergency to appropriately protect public health and provide the authority necessary to modify procedures, deadlines, and standards authorized during this declared emergency. By extending the public emergency,

the District can continue to respond expeditiously and safely to COVID-19 and its ongoing impacts.

4. Therefore, this Mayor's Order extends the COVID-19 public emergency until March 17, 2022.

## **II. EXTENSION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY AND CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES AND REQUIREMENTS**

1. The COVID-19 public emergency declared by Mayor's Order 2020-045, dated March 11, 2020, is hereby extended until March 17, 2022.
2. In accordance with Mayor's Order 2020-045, dated March 11, 2020, and its subsequent extensions, the City Administrator, in consultation with the directors of the Department of Health and the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency ("HSEMA"), remain authorized to implement any measures necessary or appropriate to protect persons and property in the District of Columbia from the impacts of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, economic impacts of both the disease and the measures taken to stop its spread.
3. Such measures may include all actions authorized under section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-149, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304(b) and other Mayor's Orders and instructions from the Office of the City Administrator and emergency response team to date.
4. Any existing delegations of authority to implement emergency response measures, such as those included in Mayor's Orders 2020-079, dated July 22, 2020; 2020-094, dated September 16, 2020; 2020-122, dated December 3, 2020; 2021-033 and 2021-034, dated March 9, 2021; 2021-109, dated September 20, 2022; 2021-147, dated December 20, 2021; 2021-148, dated December 22, 2021, and any other orders issued under the public emergency shall remain in effect unless otherwise noted herein.

## **III. CLARIFICATIONS OF MAYOR'S ORDER 2021-148**

1. The vaccination entry requirements of Mayor's Order 2021-148, dated December 20, 2021, shall apply to persons twelve (12) years of age and older. Section III.1 of Mayor's Order 2021-148 is amended by striking the phrase "over twelve (12) years old" and inserting the phrase "aged twelve (12) years or older" in its place.
2. Persons eighteen (18) years and older who are subject to the vaccination entry requirement of Mayor's Order 2021-148 shall be required to provide proof of their identity with their proof of vaccination.

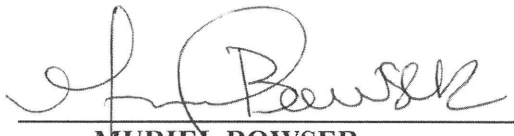
3. Forms of acceptable identification and other implementation guidance shall be posted on [vaxdc.dc.gov](https://vaxdc.dc.gov).

#### IV. SUPERSESSION

This Order supersedes Mayor's Order 2021-119, dated October 7, 2021, and any other prior Mayor's Order issued during the COVID-19 public emergency to the extent of any inconsistencies.

#### V. EFFECTIVE DATES AND DURATION

This Order shall be effective immediately, unless otherwise noted herein, and shall continue to be in effect through March 17, 2022, or until this Order is repealed, modified, or superseded.

  
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**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

ATTEST:   
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**KIMBERLY A. BASSETT**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**